

REMARKS

Applicants are thankful for the examiner's diligent efforts to advance this application to allowance and are pleased to have this opportunity to address the examiner's concerns. Upon careful review of the following remarks, the examiner will agree that the claimed invention is patentable and that this application is in good condition for allowance.

The amendments to the claims add no new matter. The amendment to claim 1 finds support in claim 6 as originally presented. New claims 22 and 23 find support in claim 6 as originally presented. New claim 24 finds support in claim 5 as originally presented.

In the final Office action mailed 04/09/2007, the examiner maintained the previous rejection of claims 1, 2, 8 – 10, 16 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Saur et al. (CA 2,178,655), merely adding: (1) “no % or heat input is shown to be outside of normally used inputs & conditions”¹ and (2) “one would expect CR properties & conditions to vary at least as the ingredients heated would be expected to respond to the heating conditions.”² The rejection of claims 1, 2, 8 – 10, 16 and 20 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is moot in light of the amendments to the claims and should be withdrawn.

Again, applicants are thankful for the examiner's diligent efforts to advance this application to allowance, and request favorable action in this matter.

¹ Page 2, lines 7 – 8 of the present Office action.

² Page 2, lines 19 – 20 of the present Office action.